

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Divisional Application of)
BRICE HARMAND et al.) FOR: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DESIGNING
Serial No.: Unknown) CUSTOMER SPECIFIED MACHINING TIPS
Filed: March 30, 2004) Art Unit: Unknown

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: Examiner

Dear Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment filed with a divisional application based on and claiming priority of Serial No. 09/637,391 filed August 11, 2000. Being filed herewith is a Petition for a 3 month extension of time in the parent application. Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

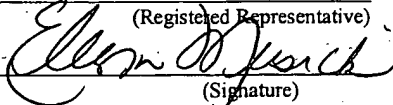
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